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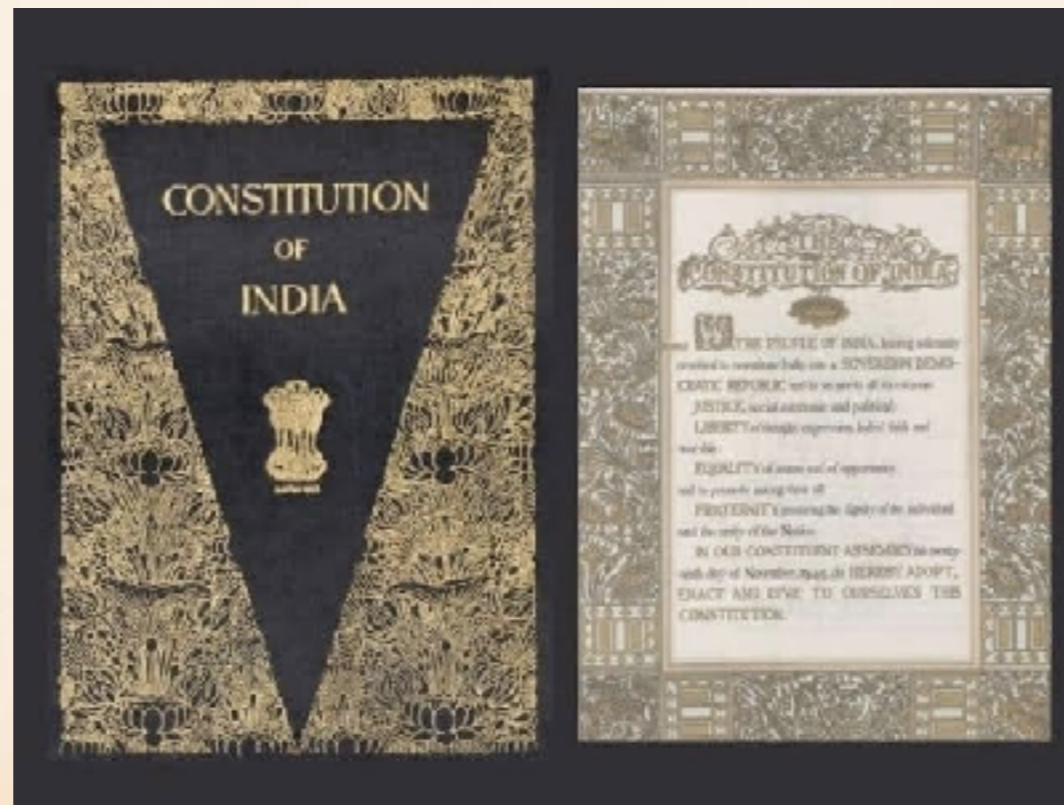
NAAC rating A (2nd cycle 2016)

VALUE ADDED COURSE

ON

UNDERSTANDING INDIA: READING THE CONSTITUTION

OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



COURSE OBJECTIVE



- ❖ The most fundamental objective of this Course is to introduce the importance of the Constitution of India as the principal governing document of the country.
- ❖ This Course will elaborate how this Constitution is the supreme law that lays down the framework and demarcates powers, procedures, duties, structures, codes, and the functioning of various governmental institutions.
- ❖ The Course will illustrate the Preamble, cover the vital features of the Constitution, the fundamental rights and duties of citizens.
- ❖ The lectures will help understand the political codes of conduct, structures, powers, and duties of important government institutions.
- ❖ A brief exposure to the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary will throw light on how elected representatives of the people run the government. It will also bring out the ways in which these officials exercising power could be held accountable to the people they serve.
- ❖ The Indian constitution is set up to ensure equal rights to everyone and to entitle people with the power to select their leader, practice their religion and choose the work portfolio that they like.
- ❖ The final objective of this Course, through the lens of the Constitution, is to help one realise that an understanding of the Constitution is necessary to fulfil the aspirations of all the people in society and create conditions for a just and secular country.

COURSE STRUCTURE

- ◆ DURATION: 30 hours
- ◆ ELIGIBILITY: The course is only for female students
- ◆ COURSE FEE: Rs. 200/-
- ◆ MODE: Offline
- ◆ STARTING DATE: 10/05/2023
- ◆ EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT: Evaluation will be based on class interactions, assignment submissions, project work and final presentation.
- ◆ AWARD: Certificate will be provided on successful completion and award will be given to the best presenter and best project work.

COURSE CONTENT

◆ **Module 1: Introduction to the Constitution**

- a) Historical Perspective of the Constitution b) Salient Features c) Preamble
- d) Fundamental Rights and Duties

◆ **Module 2: Federal Structure I**

- a) Union Government b) State Government

◆ **Module 3: Federal Structure II**

- a) Local Self Government
- b) Ombudsman System

◆ **Module 4: Electoral Process & Important Amendments**

- a) Election Commission b) Voting System c) Amendments of the constitution



COURSE OUTCOMES

- ◆ **At the end of the course, the students will be familiar with the basic values and philosophical foundations of the Indian constitution - the Preamble.**
- ◆ **They will be able to explain the background of the present constitution of India and its features.**
- ◆ **Studying Fundamental Rights, the students will appreciate the analytical meaning and importance of rights and thus will be aware of their constitutional freedoms and responsibilities for becoming good citizens of the country.**
- ◆ **They will further be acquainted with the notion of 'parliamentary democracy', thereby understanding the functioning of the three wings of the national government i.e., Executive, Legislative and Judiciary. They will thus have a fair idea of how the country is being run by the elected representatives of the people.**
- ◆ **This Course will also make the students comprehend constitutional design of state structures – Governor - Chief Minister- Cabinet- State Legislature and other institutions at the State level.**
- ◆ **The course will provide a rough idea about local self governments and the important amendments that took place over the year.**
- ◆ **The study of of this course prepares students for a variety of careers including law, journalism, positions in government and non- government agencies and political offices also. According to the career experts, there are many other scopes of getting job opportunity as the Legislative assistant , teacher/professor and, of course, research for those with a strong interest in academia.**
- ◆ **Thus, this Course will put forward a basic understanding of the Indian Constitution providing a comprehensive perspective to all students that should be useful across disciplines.**

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